

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-11. (Canceled)

12 (New) A wiper pivot (1) for a wiper apparatus of motor vehicles, which comprises: a pivot shaft (2) provided with a base end connected to a wiper motor (61) through a wiper linkage, and a top end to be disposed protrudingly from a body panel (70) of the vehicle and connected to a wiper arm (20) fitted with a wiper blade (21); and a pivot holder (3) made of resin and provided with a shaft-holding portion (3b) having a shaft hole (3b3) for rotatably supporting said pivot shaft (2) and a bodyfixing portion (3d) to be secured on the body panel (70) of the vehicle, formed in one body together with said shaft-holding portion (3b) through a connecting portion (3c); wherein said connecting portion (3c) of the pivot holder (3) is provided with a plurality of thin-walled destructible portions (4) to be destroyed at the time when impulsive force exceeding a predetermined value is applied on the pivot shaft (2), characterized in that, said destructible portions (4) of said connecting portion (3c) are composed of an upper thin-walled portion (4b, 4c) formed on a face on one side of said connecting portion (3c) and a lower thin-walled portion (4a) formed on a face on another side of said connecting portion (3c) of the pivot holder (3), wherein said upper thin-walled portion (4b, 4c) and said lower thin-walled portion (4a) are apart at a predetermined distance (t1) in an axial direction of said pivot holder (3).

13. (New) A wiper pivot as set forth in Claim 12, wherein said lower thin-walled portion includes a first thin-walled portion (4a), which is formed at the center of said connecting portion (3c), and

said upper thin-walled portion includes second and third thin-walled portions (4b, 4c) which are formed on both sides of said connecting portion (3c) of the pivot holder (3).

14. (New) A wiper pivot as set forth in Claim 12, wherein said upper and lower thin-walled portions (4a, 4b, 4c) of said destructible portion (4) of said connecting portion (3c) are formed in arcuate shapes having the center identical with that of the shaft hole of said pivot holder.

15. (New) A wiper pivot according to Claim 12, wherein the thickness (t2) of said upper and lower thin-walled portions of said destructible portion (4) of said connecting portion (3c) is sufficiently smaller than the distance (t1) of said upper and lower thin-walled portions.

16. (New) A wiper pivot according to Claim 12, wherein said pivot holder (3) is connected with an end (55a) of a pipe frame (55) of the wiper linkage at the shaftholding portion (3b) through outside molding.

17. (New) A wiper pivot according to Claim 12, wherein said destructible portion (4) of said connecting portion (3c) is so formed as to be destroyed and separates the shaft-holding portion (3b) of said pivot holder (3) from said body-fixing portion (3d) of the pivot holder (3) by shearing stress caused between said shaft-holding portion (3b) and said body-fixing portion (3d) of said pivot holder (3).